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Applicant: Richard J. Gross, et al.

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For: CALCIUM INDEPENDENT PHOSPHOLIPASE A₂
POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND POLYPEPTIDES AND
METHODS THEREFOR



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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2001, having a time in which to respond of one month, which is extended to and including March 17, 2002, by virtue of a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.136(a) timely filed herewith. This response is timely filed as it is filed on Monday (March 18, 2002), the next business day following Sunday, March 17, 2002. Please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 17, 2001, has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks are submitted in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-37 are pending in this application. Claims 1-37 are subject to a restriction requirement which is traversed in its entirety.

Restriction is required to one of the following 16 groups:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to DNA encoding a phospholipase A₂ (SEQ ID NO:3), a vector comprising said DNA and a host cell comprising thereof, classified in class 435, subclass 252.3.